



Premier's Office,

Hobart.

3rd May 1889.

Sir,

3.5.90.
I have the honor to forward to you, herewith, a Commission under the signature of His Excellency the Governor empowering you to treat with the Directors of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company Limited for the purchase of their property.

In the event of your finding it possible, on your arrival in London, to procure any proposals for such purchase better than those now

The Honorable
Andrew Inglis Clark,

Attorney General &c. &c.

in the hands of the Government, &
which if accepted would render it
possible to complete the purchase
without proceeding with the appeal
to the Privy Council, I shall be
glad if you will call such proposals
so that they may be considered in
Cabinet and if necessary by Parliament
at the earliest opportunity.

In any case I desire you
clearly to understand that although
you take with you full authority
to act for the Government in the
completion of purchase if terms are
finally agreed upon between the
Company

Company and the Colony, yet you are
not to conclude any negotiations which
will bind the Colony without the full
knowledge of those terms having been
communicated to Ministers or without
their sanction having been conveyed
to you.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. M.